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As the Transportation Committee considers a memorial highway stretch to be named after Matt Urban, I could not be more supportive of this honor.

In nearly 24 years of association with him, while I was Executive Director of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, his public service career as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation for Port Huron and later Director for the City of Holland was exemplary. Coupled with his outstanding military career, as the most highly decorated World War II veteran in USA history (exceeding the legendary Audie Murphy), his deeds are worthy of national recognition as evidenced by presentation of the Medal of Honor by President Jimmy Carter. His war records were misplaced or lost for many years, but finally surfaced late in his public service career.

He truly is worthy and symbolic of everything patriotic and commitment to improving the lives of others that such an honor like this would represent. By reviving his name, it calls attention to public service as the most honorable goal that any citizen should try to emulate. Should this Bill be adopted, I would be honored to be part of the designation ceremony.

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